

**TOWN OF FAYAL**  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 3, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Chad, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Chairman Tammaro led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience members in attendance were Gina Brascugli, Mike Erjavec, Greg & Julie Michalski, Jerry Pederson and Steve Shykes.

***Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**SCHEDULED GUESTS-** Greg and Julie Michalski were present to discuss a neighbor, Bill Pratt, who has heavy equipment located on a residential zoned property. Mr. Michalski has spoken to St. Louis County Planning and Zoning as well as the St. Louis County Attorney, but the issue has not been resolved. The Michalski's expressed safety concerns for the area children and residents with heavy equipment traveling the road. Blight Officer Mark Chad had found the property in compliance with the blight ordinance. St. Louis County enforces the Township's zoning and Chairman Tammaro will have Clerk Coldagelli draft a letter from the Township to seek answers.

**AUDIENCE CONCERNS-** Mike Erjavec was present to check the status of his prior complaint. Clerk Coldagelli sent a letter to the property owner and the property owner has not responded. Clerk Coldagelli will draft a second letter and send via registered mail. Mr. Erjavec also provided an update from the weekend regarding the Yard Waste site. The site was utilized by 7 individuals on Saturday and 8 individuals on Sunday.

**REPORTS-**

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report-**

Bank statements for the month of April have not yet been received so this report is tentative. Revenues were \$69,647.39 and expenditures were \$105,735.90. Ending balances for the month of April are:

Miners Checking- \$967,831.59

Assessment Savings- \$431,353.47

CD Savings- \$583,067.32

For the month of May to date, revenues are \$8,380.19 and expenditures are \$74,336.25.

***Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad.***

***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Other Reports-**

***Motion to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from March 16<sup>th</sup>, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.*** Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Foreman Latvaaho is working on the picnic shelter and skate shack. Adding water and sewer to the building right now would be very expensive and there are size limitations due to the proximity to the gas line. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

April 25<sup>th</sup>- Flyer from Couri & Ruppe regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Legal Seminar to be held Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cotton Town Hall. The seminar is free for all township officials. Placed on file.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Department of Revenue regarding annual mineral hearing on unmined iron ore assessments to be held Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM via WebEx. Placed on file.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Letter from Minnesota Energy regarding farm tap replacement. As a farm tap customer located within one mile of Minnesota Energy's system, the Town has three options: 1) Have our existing farm tap and privately owned natural gas lines replaced with Minnesota Energy Resource distribution lines at no upfront cost. 2)

Convert our system to an alternate fuel. 3) Seek natural gas service from another utility. A third-party contractor will reach out to each impacted customer to evaluate current service and discuss future service. Forwarded to the Public Utilities Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Sather-**

**Old Bullfrogs Building**- Chairman Tammaro informed the Board that Attorney Mike Kearney will assist in utilizing Dawn Cole as an appraiser. It will take a number weeks to complete as there are limited commercial appraisers. Clerk Coldagelli reviewed the statute that was referenced in the legal notice that was addressed to Mr. Toman regarding a blighted structure that he owned in Virginia. Clerk Coldagelli sent the information to Attorney Mike Kearney seeking his opinion regarding the statute and if it is applicable to an LLC.

**Sewer & Water Access Charges Verbiage**- The Public Utilities Commission will work on.

**American Rescue Plan**- No updates.

**Engineering for Ballfield Water/Sewer Extension & Picnic Shelter**- The picnic shelter is being worked on. The Public Utilities Commission would like the Town to seek grant funding sources for the water/sewer extension to the ballfield. The homeowners that were interested in a water extension would need to work on installation of their own line.

**Fire Department Equipment**- The boat was sold for \$8,000.00 to the Duluth Airport Authority. The six-wheeler has already sold. A new vehicle has been ordered and awaiting a delivery date.

**2022 EMS Strategic Plan**- The financials need to be reviewed in order to proceed.

**Recreation Board**- The Town has not received an update regarding current status. Chairman Tammaro suggested formally drafting a letter requesting withdrawal. Clerk Coldagelli will seek an update on the status.

**Equipment Operator Position**- Have received three applications thus far and interviews can begin.

**Board of Appeal**- Reconvene is scheduled May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Casual Labor Posting**- The Town is in need of potentially multiple casual labor employees. Equipment Operator Albert Jurenic is retiring at the end of the month and it will take some time to get a new employee trained. Foreman Latvaaho received an application from David Lang, who would be able to work during the summer and can also run equipment. Chairman Tammaro suggested posting for hire of additional employees. The Union had previously approved casual labor employees utilizing equipment.

***Motion to hire David Lang for the summer at \$20.00 per hour because he will be running equipment, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Branville.*** Clerk Coldagelli will clarify the Union rules regarding number of shifts worked. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro would like to create a list of casual labor employees.

***Motion to post for casual labor openings with hours to be determined, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Diana Dickson Vacation Pay**- The union contract requires a 30-day written notice prior to termination in order for payout of accumulated vacation. The contract makes no mention of how to handle in the event of death. Discussion regarding issuing a check payable to the estate. Discussion regarding the contract and numerous areas within the contract need to be cleaned up.

***Motion to pay \$5,132.40 to the estate of Diana Dickson for her vacation hours, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chairman Tammaro would like to request waiting in regards to the Mining Effects distribution request from the Fire Department for PPE. Chairman Tammaro would like to review the finances first and the equipment can be purchased with their budget for now.

**Laptop Fire Department**- The Fire Department is in need of one additional laptop as the one currently in use is out of date.

***Motion to approve a new laptop for the Fire Department and use the ARPA monies, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Joint Cable 2023 Budget**- A 10% increase over the 2022 budget is requested for a total 2023 budget of \$46,200.

**Motion to approve the budget, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Chad.** The Mediacom franchise fees received by the Town covers Fayal's portion of the budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Summer Schedule-**

**Motion to follow the summer schedule of one meeting a month for June, July and August, cancelling the first meeting of the month, with appropriate bills being paid prior to the meeting, and special meetings called as required, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

Supervisor Sather brought forward a Fire Department request of approval of DOT inspections. Unsure of costs at this point as during the inspections various repairs are made.

**Motion to have the Fire Department Equipment DOT inspections completed at whatever cost that may be, made by Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro requested the Fire Department begin looking at airpacks. The radios could be paid off early and could move forward with an airpack purchase. Chief Shykes recommended holding off until end of the year in order to utilize a grant opportunity.

**Motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$77,426.16, made by Supervisor Branville, support from Supervisor Chad. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to adjourn, made by Supervisor Branville.**

Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*

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Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved:

*Andy J. Russo*  
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Chair

Date:

5-12-22

Attest:

*Heidi M. Coldagelli*  
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Clerk